

# KINGSBURY/BAXTERLEY GROUP OF CHURCHES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Hurley



Kingsbury



Baxterley



Wood End



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08/03/26 —  
Lent 3

## SUNDAY SERVICES

**This Sunday - 8th March**  
**Lent 3**

### BAXTERLEY

9.30am Holy Communion

### KINGSBURY

11.00am Civic Service

(Readings: Exodus 17. 1-7;  
Psalm 95; Romans 5. 1-11;  
John 4. 5.42)

**Next Sunday - 15th March**  
**Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday**

### MEREVALE

11.00am Holy Communion

(Readings: Exodus 2. 1-10  
or 1 Samuel 1.20-end;  
Psalm 34. 11-20 or Psalm  
127. 1-4; 2 Cor 1. 3-7 or  
Colossians 3. 12-17;  
Luke 2. 33-35 or  
John 19. 25b-27)

**Sunday 22nd March**

**Lent 5**

**Passiontide Begins**

### KINGSBURY

11.00am Holy Communion

### FARM CHURCH

2.30pm Johnson Street  
Recreation Ground, Wood End

### BAXTERLEY

4.30pm Songs of Praise

(Readings: Ezekiel 37. 1-14;  
Psalm 130; Romans 8. 6-11;  
John 11. 1-45)

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Page

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<http://www.kingbaxgroup.org.uk>

## Forthcoming Events

**Tuesday 10th March**

- 1.30-3.30pm Puzzle Library Open in the Old Stables
- 8.00pm Compline via Zoom (and online via Facebook)

**Wednesday 11th March**

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Wood End followed by Lent Reflections (3)

**Thursday 12th March**

- Rev Carole at Bishop's Study Morning at the Cathedral
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley followed by Lent Reflections (3)

**Saturday 14th March**

- 9.30am Diocesan Synod at Quinton
- 10.00-12.00 Kingsbury Green Clean

- 10.00-12.00 Choir Singing at Baxterley

**Monday 16th March**

- 10.30am Church Fellowship meet at Jubilee Court

**Tuesday 17th March**

- 8.00pm Compline via Zoom (and online via Facebook)

**Wednesday 18th March**

- 9.30am Morning Worship at Wood End followed by Lent Reflections (4)

**Thursday 19th March**

- 11.00am Rev Carole meeting with AD Phelim at Kingsbury
- 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Baxterley followed by Lent Reflections (4)

**Saturday 21st March**

- 10.00-4.00 Baxterley Church & School Room Open Day (Thursday 26th March)

- 10.00am Funeral of Bill Jones at Wood End followed by cremation, 11.30am at Sutton Crem)

**Lent, Holy Week & Easter Leaflets** are available for delivery from this week and will be in church TODAY. Please take bundles and deliver as in previous years as soon as you can please. *With thanks.*

### Lent Reflections - 'The Rhythm of Life'

Our Lent Reflections this year are based on 'The Rhythm of Life' and the CofE Lent Booklet 'Draw Near - Life giving habits for Lent'. Each session is stand-alone and will be on the following dates so Session 3 is on 11th March and repeated on 12th March and so on.... Do join us!  
**Wood End** 10.15am on 11th, 18th & 25th March  
**Baxterley** 5.15pm on 12th, 19th & 26th March

### Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



## Please Pray for:

### Those who are ill:

Rachel : Lauren : Samuel  
Hope : Sean : Kay  
Rose Stubbs : Glenys  
Carole Haines : Diane : Fred  
Sandra : Millie  
Martha : Sheila : Trevor  
Hannah & Olivia  
Chris Martin : Brian Moss  
Ann Gallagher : Marjorie Nunan  
Helen de Renzy : Lionel  
Jane Pratt : Felicity Cawthra  
Danielle Hughes

### Those who have died

Emily-Jane Scandrett  
Shirley Chapman : Bryan Winston  
Maureen Cox : Bill Jones  
Bishop Andrew Watson (former  
Bishop of Aston)  
and All families grieving the loss  
of loved ones

### Please also pray for ....

The Archbishop of Canterbury -  
Dame Sarah Mullally,  
That the right person applies to be  
our next Incumbent.



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**SEE OVERLEAF FOR  
READINGS &  
FURTHER NOTICES**

### This week we pray for all who live or work in these Roads in our communities:

Bromage Avenue & Brook  
Close in Kingsbury; Elm Grove  
in Hurley; Woodside Close in  
Wood End; and Monks Park  
Lane in Merevale w. Bentley

**Safeguarding Support:** If you  
have a safeguarding matter  
you need to discuss, speak to our  
**Parish Safeguarding Officer -  
Dr. Pru Allington-Smith on  
01827 825701 or Rev. Carole  
or in emergency the Bishop's  
Safeguarding Adviser, Steph  
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## Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent

### Exodus 17. 1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

### Psalms 95

<sup>1</sup> O come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
<sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
<sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
<sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.  
<sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.  
<sup>6</sup> O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!  
<sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.  
O that today you would listen to his voice!  
<sup>8</sup> Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
<sup>9</sup> when your ancestors tested me,  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.  
<sup>10</sup> For forty years I loathed that generation  
and said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray,  
and they do not regard my ways.'  
<sup>11</sup> Therefore in my anger I swore,  
'They shall not enter my rest.'

### John 4. 5-42

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>8</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' <sup>10</sup> The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' <sup>11</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>13</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' <sup>14</sup> The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' <sup>16</sup> The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; <sup>17</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' <sup>18</sup> The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>19</sup> Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' <sup>20</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>21</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>22</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>23</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' <sup>24</sup> The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' <sup>26</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' <sup>27</sup> Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>28</sup> 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' <sup>29</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him. <sup>30</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' <sup>31</sup> But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' <sup>32</sup> So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' <sup>33</sup> Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>34</sup> Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>35</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>36</sup> For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." <sup>37</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' <sup>38</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' <sup>39</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. <sup>40</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>41</sup> They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

#### Interregnum Arrangements

Our parish is now in interregnum and the Vicarage and its telephone will be 'off limits'. From now on all pastoral matters should be passed to **Revd. Carole** via the new 'office' telephone number of **07426 068938** or via email on **admin@kingbaxgroup.org.uk**. Matters regarding church buildings/grounds should be passed to the church wardens. *Many Thanks.*

#### Dates for your Diary

**Sat 21st Mar** - 10.00-4.00

Baxterley Open Day

**Thur 26th Mar** - 10.00am Funeral

of Bill Jones at Wood End Church

followed by cremation 11.30am at

Sutton Crematorium

**Fri 10th April** - 6.30pm Murder

Mystery Night at Baxterley.

#### Jigsaw Puzzle Lending Library...

Free jigsaw puzzle lending library on **Tuesday 10th & 24th March at The Old Stables**, Kingsbury Church—between **1.30-3.30pm**. Open every **2nd & 4th Tuesday!**

#### Joining Details for most Online Zoom Services & Meetings

Meeting ID: **999 516 9418**

Passcode: **Twigster3**

You can also join by telephone on number: **0203 481 5237** and entering the **ID: 999 516 9418** and Code: **570910568**